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AUGUST WEISMANN, a foreign member of this society, was born at Frankfort on the Main, January 17, 1834, and died at Freiburg in Breisgau, November 6, 1914. He early showed the traits of a naturalist and in one of his books speaks of the excitement he felt as a boy in catching butterflies. He attended the University of Göttingen, where he studied chemistry and medicine, coming especially under the instruction of the distinguished anatomist Henle, and receiving the degree of M.D. in 1856. After spending three years at Rostock as an assistant he began the practise of medicine at Frankfort and during this time he visited Vienna in 1858, Italy in 1859 and Paris in 1860. From 1861 to 1862 he was private physician to Archduke Stephan of Austria at Schamburg Palace. He then studied zoology at Giessen under the renowned zoologist Leuckart and became privat-docent in zoology at the University of Freiburg in 1863, where he spent the remainder of his life. In 1866 he was appointed professor extraordinarius and a few years later became professor ordinarius, which position he continued to hold until a few years before his death, when he was made professor emeritus.

In person he was a man of striking appearance, being about six feet tall and well proportioned and having a fine head and face and an earnest but kind expression of the eyes. From 1864 to 1874 and again from 1884 on he suffered from an eye trouble which interfered greatly with his

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